

WASHINGTON – Congressman John W. Olver (1st District) announced today that the U.S. Department of Justice has awarded a federal grant of \$219,000 to Girls Inc. of Holyoke to expand its MATCH, or Mentors and Teens Connecting, program.

The funding will allow Girls Inc. of Holyoke to expand MATCH, or Mentors and Teens Connecting, to more girls in Holyoke.

“Many challenges confront low-income Latino children in Holyoke. In this environment, low-income girls are at a higher risk of becoming involved in the justice system. The federal grant was awarded through the Justice Department’s Juvenile Mentoring Program (JUMP).”

Girls Inc. of Holyoke is a non-profit organization that provides programs to help girls overcome the challenges they face.

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